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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street SW  
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Re: Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1189X)  
Consolidated Rail Corporation -- Abandonment  
Exemption -- in Hudson County, New Jersey

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Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 306X)  
Norfolk Southern Railway Company -- Discontinuance  
Exemption -- in Hudson County, New Jersey

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Dear Ms. Quinlan:

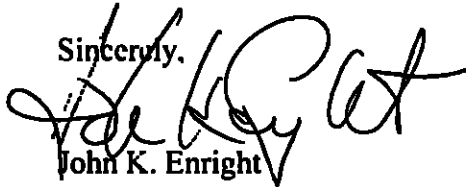
The referenced proceeding pertains to combined Notices of Exemption for abandonment (Consolidated Rail Corporation ("Conrail")) and Discontinuances of Service (CSX Transportation, Inc. and Norfolk Southern Railway Company) with respect to portions of two railroad lines known as (1) the Harsimus Branch, between milepost 0.00± and milepost 1.36± and (2) the Hudson Street Industrial Track, between milepost 0.00± and milepost 0.72±, both in the city of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. On March 6, 2008, Conrail filed its preliminary Environmental and Historic Report in anticipation of an April 7, 2008 filing date.

Since the filing of the Environmental and Historic Report, a number of public entities and historic/conservancy groups have filed letters with the Secretary and with the Section of Environmental Analysis asking to be included as parties to the proceeding and raising various issues with the proposed NOI and/or the preliminary Environmental and

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Historic Report. Conrail has determined to defer the filing of its NOE for the immediate future. When Conrail does file its NOE, it will address the issues raised in the recent correspondence

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John K. Enright", written over the word "Sincerely,".

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